



# 2877  
DMS  
+

PTO/SB/21 (modified)  
Approved for use through xx/xx/xx, OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence during pendency of filed application)</i>	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Application Number	10/029,957
		Filing Date	12/21/2001
		First Named Inventor	Meeks
		Group Art Unit Number	2877
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Known
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	4+Refs.	Attorney Docket Number	20830-06581

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Issue Fee Transmittal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter to Chief Draftsperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Notice to File Missing Parts	<input type="checkbox"/> Formal Drawing(s): [ ] Sheet(s) of Figure(s) [ ]
<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment & Recordation Cover Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement & PTO-1449 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Cited References	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Corrected Filing Receipt	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Correction of Recorded Assignment	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Response: [ ] Page(s) <input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Status Request	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>

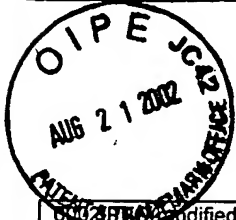
REMARKS:

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT			
Signature:			
Attorney/Reg. No.:	John T. McNelis/Reg. No. 37,186	Dated:	14 Aug 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence, including the enclosures identified above, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date shown below. If the Express Mail Mailing Number is filled in below, then this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10.			
Signature:			
Typed or Printed Name:	John T. McNelis	Dated:	15 Aug 2002
Express Mail Mailing Number (optional):			

\\ODMA\PCDOCS\DOCS\128862\1

RECEIVED  
AUG 28 2002

PTO/SB/17 (10-01)(modified)  
OMB 0651-0032

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PTO/SB/17 (10-01)(modified)  
Rev. 10/2001U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

## FEE TRANSMITTAL

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

Subtotal (1) + Subtotal (2) + Subtotal (3) =  
(\$ 180.00)

## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/029,957
Filing Date	12/21/2001
First Named Inventor	Meeks
Group Art Unit	2877
Examiner Name	Not yet known
Attorney Docket Number	20830-6581

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

## 1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to:

- ☐ Charge the indicated fees to the below mentioned deposit account.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 - 1.21 or credit any over payments to the below mentioned deposit account.†
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

Deposit Account Number: 19-2555

Deposit Account Name: FENWICK &amp; WEST LLP

A Duplicate Copy of this authorization is attached

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/2001)

## 1. FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code/Fee	Small Entity Fee Code/Fee	Fee Description	Fee Due
101/\$740	201/\$370	Utility Filing	
106/\$330	206/\$165	Design Filing	
108/\$740	208/\$370	Reissue	
114/\$160	214/\$80	Provisional Filing	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 0)

## 2. CLAIMS

Large Entity Fee Code/Fee	Small Entity Fee Code/Fee	Fee Description
103/\$18	203/\$9	Claims in excess of 20
102/\$84	202/\$42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104/\$280	204/\$140	Multiple dependent claim
109/\$84	209/\$42	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110/\$18	210/\$9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code/Fee	Small Entity Fee Code/Fee	Fee Description	Fee Due
105/\$130	205/\$65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127/\$50	227/\$25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
147/\$2,520	147/\$2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
115/\$110	215/\$55	Extension for response within first month†	
116/\$400	216/\$200	Extension for response within second month†	
117/\$920	217/\$460	Extension for response within third month†	
118/\$1,440	218/\$720	Extension for response within fourth month†	
128/\$1,960	228/\$980	Extension for response within fifth month†	
119/\$320	219/\$160	Notice of Appeal	
141/\$1,280	241/\$640	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	
142/\$1,280	242/\$640	Utility Issue Fee (Or Reissue)	
143/\$460	243/\$230	Design Issue Fee	
122/\$130	122/\$130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
126/\$180	126/\$180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	180
179/\$740	279/\$370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
581/\$40	581/\$40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146/\$740	246/\$370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149/\$740	249/\$370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

Other fee (specify):

Other fee (specify):

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 180.00)

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		Fee		Fee Due	
For	No. of Existing Claims	minus*	Highest No. Previously Paid For	=	Extra**	x	=		
TOTAL		minus*	20 or 0	=		x	=		
INDEP		minus*	3 or 0	=		x	=		
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim									

\* Subtract the greater number of Col. 2

\*\* If the difference between Col. 1 and Col. 2 is less than zero, then enter "0" in Col. 3

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

## SUBMITTED BY

Typed or Printed Name John T. McNetts

Signature

## Complete (if applicable)

Reg. Number 37,186

Date

14 Aug 2002

20830/06581/DOCS/1290026.1

† Request for Extension of Time per 37 CFR 1.136 (a)(3) made hereby



PATENT  
RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Steven W. Meeks TC 2800 MAIL ROOM  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/029,957  
FILING DATE: 12/21/2001  
TITLE: Material Independent Optical Profilometer  
EXAMINER: Not Yet Known  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2877  
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 20830-06581

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date shown below:

Dated: 15 Aug 2002

By: John T. McNelis, Reg. No.: 37,186

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, DC. 20231

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**Under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98**

SIR:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-98, enclosed herewith is modified form PTO-1449 listing references for consideration by the Examiner. Enclosed is a copy of each listed reference that may be material to the examination of this application, and for which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation regarding the completeness of the list of references, or that inclusion of a reference in this list is an admission that it is prior art or is pertinent to this application, or that a search has been made, or as an admission that the information listed is, or may be considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists, and shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- ☐ within three months of the filing date of the application, or date of entry into the national stage of an international application, or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, whichever event last occurred;

08/22/2002 AOSMAH1 00000048 10029957

01 FC:126

180.00 OP

- ☐ before the mailing of a first official action after the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114;
- ☒ after three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage in an international application, or after the mailing date of the first official action on the merits, whichever event last occurred, but before the mailing date of the first to occur of either: (1) a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and:
  - ☒ attached hereto is the fee set forth under 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR. § 1.97(c); OR
  - ☐ Applicant certifies pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e) that:
    - ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; OR
    - ☐ no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated under 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement;
- ☐ before the payment of the issue fee but after the mailing date of the first to occur of either: (1) a final action under 37 CFR § 1.113; or (2) an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and:
  - ☐ Applicant certifies pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.97(e) that:
    - ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; or
    - ☐ no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a


foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing this certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated under 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement; AND

- ☐ attached hereto is the fee set forth under 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR. § 1.97(c); OR
- ☐ after the payment of the issue fee. Applicant request that the information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement be placed in the file according to 37 CFR § 1.97(i), although the information may not be considered by the USPTO.
- ☐ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application No. [APPLICATION NUMBER], filed on [FILING DATE], and the references cited therein are hereby referenced, but are not required to be provided in this application under 37 CFR § 1.98(d).
- ☐ Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and the communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR § 1.704(d).
- ☐ Applicant submits that no fee is required for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration of the listed references and favorable action are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
STEVEN W. MEEKS

Dated: 14 August 2002

By:   
John T. McNelis, Reg. No.: 37,186  
Fenwick & West LLP  
Two Palo Alto Square  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Tel.: (650) 858-7133  
Fax.: (650) 494-1417



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)  
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>				Application No.	10/029,957
				Filing Date	12/21/2001
				First Named Inventor	Steven W. Meeks
				Art Unit	2877
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Known
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	20830-06581

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document No. Number – Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
	A	US-4585348	04/29/1986	Chastang <i>et al.</i>
	B	US-5995226	11/30/1999	Abe <i>et al.</i>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document Country Code <sup>3</sup> – Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T <sup>6</sup>
	C	WO98/52019	11/19/1998	Klaas Hemmes <i>et al.</i>	

OTHER REFERENCES – NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T <sup>6</sup>	
	D	Meeks, Steven W.: "A Combined Ellipsometer, Reflectometer, Scatterometer and Kerr Effect Microscope for Thin Film Disk Characterization," Machine Vision Applications in Industrial Inspection VIII, Proceedings of SPIE, vol. 3966, 2000, pages 385-391, XP001085220.		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.  
Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

20830/06581/DOCS/1288263.1